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# COMMUNICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a) REGARDING IMPROPER PAYMENT OF FILING FEES BASED ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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This communication is to rectify an error in the payment of the issue fee for the Sir. above-referenced application. The issue fee was inadvertently paid in the amount for a large entity, rather than in the amount for a small entity.

Issue Fee Publication Fee	Large Entity Fee Paid on 03/07/2006 \$1400 \$300	Current Small Entity Fee \$700	Amount to be Refunded \$700 N/A \$700
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Applicant hereby claims small entity status and requests a refund in the amount of \$700, which should be credited to deposit account 50-0842. A request for refund is enclosed with this communication.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.28(a), please treat this submission as notification that large entity fees were paid prior to establishing status as a small entity.

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